



3 DECEMBER

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY



"Attacking people with disability is the lowest display of power I can think of."  
- Morgan Freeman -



## Why do We Mark This Day?

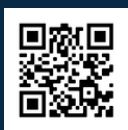


Why are people with disabilities considered as "the world's largest minority?" What makes them vulnerable to poorer health, lower education achievements, fewer economic opportunities, and higher rates of poverty than people without disabilities? This is largely due to the lack of social services, inaccessibility to information and communications technology, and limited access to transportation.

As we recognized the role of inclusion towards worldwide sustainable development, the UN General Assembly proclaimed the annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons in 1992. The celebration aims to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities, acknowledge their role in society and development, and increase awareness of the socio-cultural and economic life of people with disabilities.



## Questions for Discussion



(Giving Artists with Disabilities a Space to Thrive)

- ✓ Based on the video, what is the role of art as a common language among people with disabilities?
- ✓ How can art be a powerful tool to overcome difficulties and challenges faced by people with disabilities?
- ✓ What are the lessons that we can learn after seeing the capabilities of people with disabilities?



## Meet Today's Global Citizens



Hannah Barham-Brown

She is a medical doctor with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. She promotes work productivity among people with disabilities. She discusses how disability is still a barrier to employment for millions of people.



Joel Dembe

He is the Canadian National Wheelchair Tennis Champion and Paralympian. He discusses his journey living with a disability and tells us how we can empower our communities through accessibility.

